

PRESS RELEASE

Riverside Police Department • 4102 Orange ST • Riverside CA 92501

Phone 951.826.5902 • FAX 951.826.5939

INTEGRITY

*

SERVICE

*

EXCELLENCE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 Contact: Lieutenant Eric Charrette

Phone: (951) 826-8777

Injury Traffic Collision Involving Pedestrians – Felony DUI

Riverside, CA -- On Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at about 12:51 PM, Riverside Police Officers responded to the area of Sycamore Canyon Boulevard and El Cerrito Drive reference reports of a vehicle collision involving pedestrians. Upon arrival, the officers discovered the collision was caused by a Nissan 300Z and the driver was believed to be under the influence.

The Nissan made a right turn from eastbound El Cerrito Dr. onto southbound Sycamore Canyon Blvd. The Nissan slid out and into the oncoming north lane of Sycamore Canyon Blvd. The driver over corrected and subsequently sideswiped a small Ford SUV that was driving south on Sycamore Canyon Blvd., south of El Cerrito Dr. The collision diverted the path of the Ford to the right and toward the west curb line of Sycamore Canyon Blvd. The Nissan continued next to the Ford, pushing it further to the right.

Both vehicles subsequently hit the curb, went up onto the sidewalk and struck a 28-year-old mother pushing her 10-month-old son in a stroller. The mother had been walking in a dirt field, approximately 25' feet west of the sidewalk.

Members of the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response paramedics tended to the victims at the scene, who were both transported to local hospitals. Both the mother and her son remain hospitalized, with non-life-threatening injuries.

The 20-year-old male driver of the Nissan was arrested for felony DUI and other related charges.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is urged to contact Detective Ken Madsen at 951-826-8723.

12-076-216###